

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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President Joseph R. Biden Jr.
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President Biden,

Since you have taken office, our foreign adversaries have been testing America's resolve at an accelerated rate. China has sent a record number of warplanes into Taiwan's air defense zone, Iran has started enriching uranium at its highest level ever, Israel was under a multi-day assault from Hamas, and the Taliban continues to ramp up attacks in Afghanistan as our troops are withdrawing. Most recently, Russian hackers have attacked our critical infrastructure.

In the past month, Russian hackers have attacked American energy and now reportedly our food supplies, sending our citizens into a panic at the pump and potential shortages at the grocery store. These cyberattacks inflict real harm on American citizens and are a threat to our national security. As representatives of millions of Americans who have been directly impacted by these cyberattacks, we ask you to cancel the planned summit between President Putin and yourself in Geneva, Switzerland on June 16, 2021.

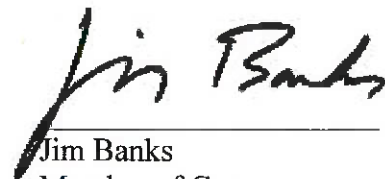
Dialogue between our countries is important. However, a summit sends the wrong message at this time. Normalizing relations with a country when actors in that country are currently hacking our supply chains only normalizes a dictatorship. The U.S. needs to send President Putin a clear message to cease his global campaigns of invasion, assassination, hacking and election interference. The longer your administration waits, the more we strengthen Russia's influence throughout Europe and around the globe. You went so far as to say in March, that President Putin will "pay a price" for election interference. Rewarding President Putin with a presidential summit when Russian global aggression has only increased, does the opposite of making Russia "pay a price."

The barrage of cyber-attacks from Russia must end immediately and together we can send a strong message to Russia, and the world, that the United States will not be intimidated when we are tested. Again, we ask you to show strength against Russia and cancel the planned summit with President Putin.

Sincerely,



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